Unscrupulous Manpower Exporters

287. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unscrupulous manpower exporters lure people with bright prospects of jobs in foreign countries, particularly in Libya and Iraq; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have so far taken against such unscrupulous manpower exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Water Pollution in Narmada River

288. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of pollution of water of Narmada river due to industrial and non-industrial wastes and effluents;

(b) if so, what measures have been taken to clean Narmada river water;

(c) whether any prohibitory order has been issued to check inflow of industrial and non-industrial wastes into Narmada water;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have sanctioned a Scheme of cleaning the Narmada River in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) There are two major industrial units in Madhya Pradesh whose effluents join river Narmada. One treats its wastes to the effluent standards laid down while the other has provided preliminary treatment only. Action has been initiated against the second unit in a Court of law.

Cadre Review of Official Language Services of Group A and Group B

289. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have created official language services of group A and group B posts on the basis of any study;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when Government propose to review the cadre of official language services on a realistic basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The Central Secretariat Official Language Service was constituted on the recommendation of the Central Hindi Committee in order to bring about uniformity in the service conditions, to create adequate promotional avenues and to bring the isolated Group A, Group B and Group C Hindi posts lying in various Ministries/Departments and their Attached Offices into a common cadre. The Service includes posts which were or are sanctioned in various Ministries/Departments and their Attached Offices after detailed examination of their justification.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The cadre was constituted only in September, 1983. The necessity for its review at this stage will be examined by Government.

Losses in Darjeeling Tea Estates due to G.N.L.F. Movement

290. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Darjeeling tea estates have suffered losses due to G.N.L.F. movement in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to subsidise the losses of Darjeeling tea estates in order to give them a fresh lease of life recoup the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the period 20th June, 1987 to 29th June, 1987 when there was a complete bandh in Darjeeling, due to stoppage of work in Tea Gardens, production to the tune of approximately 600 tons is reported to have been lost.

(c) All the Tea Estates have resumed production immediately after the calling off the bandh. At present, there is no proposal for providing subsidy.

Fire incidents in Delhi

291. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of major fire incidents in Delhi during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 30 June, 1987;

(b) what is the number of persons killed/injured in these fires;

(c) what were the causes of each such fire incident;

(d) what action has been taken against the building owners and unauthorised traders where such fire incidents took place;

(e) whether any survey has been conducted of the high rise buildings in Delhi; and

(f) if so, how many buildings have been found lacking in fire safety measures and what action has been taken against the building owners to avoid such incidents of fire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) During this period, there was one incident of major fire, 7 incidents of serious fire and 24 incidents of medium fire.

(b) (i) killed—43.

(ii) Injured—133.

(c) The causes of fire were electric short circuit, coming in touch with naked flame, careless dropping of burning objects etc.

(d) In the major incident of fire at Siddhartha Inter-Continental Hotel, a criminal case has been filed in the court on the 2nd March, 1987 against the management of the hotel.

(e) and (f) On the basis of survey conducted, legal notices have since been issued to the owners/occupiers of 194 high-rise buildings to provide the fire safety and fire fighting measures, as pointed out. They have been asked to carry out the directions before 30th September, 1987.

Illegal arms factory unearthed in Delhi

292. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an illegal arms factory engaged in manufacturing country-made weapons has been unearthed in the second week of July, 1987 in the trans-Yamuna area in Delhi;